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Sent via email to: dustinslaughter@protonmail.com

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Dear Mr. Slaughter:

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act (PA) request dated September 28, 2022. Your request was received in our office on the same day and assigned case number DON-NAVY-2022-013452.

Based on the information provided in your FOIA request, our office has contacted the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare (OPNAV N2N6) regarding "Any and all copies of videos pertaining to unidentified aerial phenomena, also known as UAP, in the custody of the Office of Chief of Naval Operations (OCNO, N2/N6). This request includes, but is not limited to, all responsive and otherwise segregable videos in the OCNO's custody from January 1, 2007 up to and including the date this request is officially processed. Please also include the three unclassified videos that were officially released to the public and to Naval Air System Command's FOIA Reading Room on or around April 28, 2020." The three already released video's are posted in the NAVAIR FOIA reading room link provided below:

<https://www.navair.navy.mil/foia/documents?name=&field=document&description=value&page=0>

However, the remaining videos requested contain sensitive information pertaining to Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) and are classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526 and the UAP Security Classification Guide. The release of this information will harm national security as it may provide adversaries valuable information regarding Department of Defense/Naval operations, vulnerabilities, and/or capabilities. No portions of the videos can be segregated for release.

While three UAP videos were released in the past, the facts specific to those three videos are unique in that those videos were initially released via unofficial channels before official release. Those events were discussed extensively in the public domain; in fact, major news outlets conducted specials on these events. Given the amount of information in the public domain

regarding these encounters, it was possible to release the files without further damage to national security.

In this instance, the fees associated with the processing of your request are waived, but this action is not indicative of how future requests will be handled.

For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from either the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at: Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, via phone: (703) 697-0031; or by contacting the Office of Government Information Services at: (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>), (202) 741-5770, ogis@nara.gov.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken to process your request may be directed to our FOIA Service Center at (202) 685-0412 or via email at donfoia-pa@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory M Cason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "C".

G. Cason
Deputy Director,
DON FOIA/PA Program Office